

Adult Learning Center

*Salish Kootenai College
PO Box 70
Pablo, MT 59855
Phone: (406) 275-4986*

Salish Kootenai College's Adult Learning Center offers Adult Basic Education, GED preparation and testing, English as a second language, basic literacy training and computer skills instruction. This program provides basic skills education for adults aged 16 and up. Basic skills encompass the following areas: improvement of literacy skills of reading, writing, mathematics, problem solving, and English language acquisition; placement assistance, retention or completion of post-secondary education, training, unsubsidized employment or career advancement; receipt of secondary school diploma or its recognized equivalent.

**Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribe,
Department of Human Resource Development**

*PO Box 278
Pablo, MT 59855
Phone: (406) 675-2700, ext 1035*

Department of Human Resource Development (DHRD) Tribal Programs, include: Commodities, Title III & VI Elderly, Family Literacy, WIC, General Assistance, WIA, Summer Youth Employment, Transportation Aide and Vouchers, Educational Neglect program, Child Protective Services, Foster Care, Second Circle Lodge Group Home, Cash Assistance, Kerr Elderly Program, Voc Rehab, Individual Indian Moneys, Dire Need, Trust Program, Child Care Block Grant, LIHEAP, Hooked on Reading, Hooked on Phonics & Math.

Experience Works

*601 S Third St West
Missoula, MT 59801
Phone: 406-543-2300
1-800-450-5627
Fax: 406-721-7094*

Website: www.experienceworks.org

Experience Works, Inc. is a national, non-profit organization aimed at helping limited-income job seekers 55 years and older. The primary program is the Senior Community Service Employment Program that has several options to help participants in their search for employment: community service training, on-the-job training and job search skill training. The goal of the organization is to help the older worker get back into the work force, help them to realize their potential for performing meaningful work, and to raise their standard of living.

Job Corps (Management & Training Corporation)

*539 S Third Street West
Missoula, MT 59801
(406) 542-5745*

Job Corps is a federally funded residential training program available to all disadvantaged young men and women between the ages of 16 and 24. The goal of the program is to provide students with academic, vocational and social skills training to prepare them for life-long employment. Vocational offerings include business and clerical, culinary arts, carpentry, facilities maintenance, painting, cement masonry, electrical, welding, shipping and receiving clerk, heavy equipment operation, mechanics, nursing and many others. Students may also earn a GED and possibly a high school diploma. Students live on center during the course of their training. Montana Job Corps Centers are located in Anaconda, Darby and Ronan.

Kicking Horse Job Corps

*33091 Mollman Pass Trail
Ronan, MT 59864
Phone: 406-644-2217 or 800-733-5627*

This U.S. Department of Labor program offers free hands-on career training and educational completion for Native American, descendants, and others who qualify, ages 16-24 years old. Occupational trades offered are Carpentry, Heavy Equipment Operator, Diesel Mechanic, Business and Clerical, Dental and Medical Assistant, Forestry, Building and Apartment Maintenance and Culinary Arts. Other service provided is the means of obtaining a GED or high school diploma completion, room and board, medical and dental coverage and job placement.

Lake County Community Development Corp.

*319 Main Street
Ronan, MT 59864
Phone: (406) 676-5900
Website: <http://www.lakecountycdc.org/>*

The Lake County Community Development Center houses three non-profit corporations serving the Lake County area. They include Lake County Community Development Corporation (LCCDC) and two housing organizations serving low and moderate income families i.e., Ronan Housing Authority and Lake County Community Housing Organization. LCCDC manages community and economic development programs including a small business revolving loan fund and technical business assistance center; the Mission Mountain Market, a shared use commercial kitchen/value-added food processing center and business incubator; assistance in developing community infrastructure (water/sewer); and economic development projects which support the creation jobs for Lake County residents. The housing organizations manage programs that assist in community revitalization and provide affordable housing opportunities for lower income families

including Section 8 and other tenant based rental assistance; family and elderly rental housing; and assistance for first time home buyers.

Lake County Office of Public Assistance

*826 Shoreline Drive
Polson, MT 59860
Phone: (406) 883-7820
Fax: 406-883-5320
Website: <http://www.dphhs.mt.gov>*

The Office of Public Assistance (OPA) administers the following programs: cash assistance for families, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Medicaid and Food Stamps. Each program has eligibility requirements, such as income and resources.

**Mission Valley One Stop Workforce Center
(Lake County Job Service Workforce Center)**

*417-B Main Street; PO Box 970
Polson, MT 59860
Phone: (406) 883-7880
Fax: (406) 883-4564
Website: www.employlakecounty.com*

The One Stop Center offers many employment and referral services at no cost. These include business advocacy and employer resources, job postings, job matching, skill-testing and skill enhancement, phones for unemployment insurance issues, and access to public resource computers, with a variety of software programs for job search assistance. The Center also offers labor market information, employment counseling, veteran assistance, Internet access for electronic linkage to Partner programs and self-assisted services and Workforce Investment Act (WIA) and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) job training programs. There is accessibility to services for those with disabilities.

Lake County Public Schools

106 4th Avenue East
Polson, MT 59860
Phone: (406) 883-7262

Lake County Schools include Arlee, Charlo, Polson, Ronan, Saint Ignatius and rural schools including Salmon Prairie, Upper West Shore – Dayton and Valley View. Approximately 5,217 students attend schools throughout Lake County, including those home schooled and those in non-public schools. There are adult education and alternative education programs within the multiple school districts.

Mission Mountain Enterprises

330 Main Street SW
Ronan, MT 59864
Phone: (406) 676-2563
Website: www.missionmountainent.org

MME is a private non-profit corporation that provides a wide range of community based services to people with disabilities through residential and vocational programs to include, but not limited to, supported living, group homes, intermediate care facility, transportation, work activities, supported employment, job placement, on-the-job evaluation, and transitional employment.

NW Montana Human Resources

110 Main Street, Suite 9; PO Box 132
Polson, MT 59860
Phone: (406) 883-3470
Email: hrpolson@montanasky.net

NMHR is a community-based, private, non-profit organization serving Lake, Lincoln, Sanders, and Flathead Counties. NMHR provides services that help promote self-sufficiency for low-income individuals and families. NMHR targets hard to serve individuals by focusing on networking available resources and providing services such as job skills training, supportive services, job

development, energy assistance, rental assistance, weatherization and first time home owner and home rehab loans. All aspects of a client's life are addressed, including housing, budgeting, medical, job training and education, which will eventually lead to independence.

Project Challenge Work Again (PCWA),

AFL – CIO

208 East Main, PO Box 784
Missoula, MT 59807
Phone: (406) 543-6689

Project Challenge is a federally funded program designed to meet the employment and training needs of dislocated workers unemployed due to business closure or permanent layoff. All services are free and include job search, relocation assistance, skills assessment, resume preparation assistance, academic courses and job retraining.

Rural Employment Opportunities, Inc.

539 South 3rd Street West
Missoula, MT 59801
(406) 240-1772 or
Toll Free in Montana 1-800-823-6768
Website: www.mt.net/-reo

REO is a non-profit corporation, which operates programs and services aimed at assisting migrant and seasonal farm workers and dependents in preparing for permanent, full-time careers. It is available at no cost for individuals who qualify.

Unemployment Insurance

Helena Telephone Center
PO Box 201502
Helena, MT 59620-1502
Phone: 406-444-2545
Website: www.ui4u.mt.gov

The Unemployment Insurance Program provides short-term economic relief to eligible workers from

a fund financed by employers. This program not only lightens the burden of unemployment for the worker and family, it also helps local communities maintain a stable workforce and economy.

Vocational Rehabilitation

2282 Highway 93 South; PO Box 2357
Kalispell, MT 59903
Phone: (406) 751-5940
Toll-Free 1-877-296-1760 (voice/TTY)
Website: <http://www.dphhs.mt.gov/dsd>

Montana Vocational Rehabilitation and Blind Low Vision Services is designed to assist persons with physical or mental disabilities in going to work or keeping a job. VR Kalispell serves Flathead, Lake, Lincoln and Sanders counties.

Services include classroom training, evaluation, disability adjustment counseling, career counseling, information and referral, job coaching, mobility instruction, low vision assessment, job development and placement assistance, resource and career information, self employment planning and referral for business financing, tools/equipment required for training and work, vocational, college and on-the-job training.

Working Innovations, Inc.

414 D First Street East
Polson, MT 59860
Phone: (406) 883-6717, Fax: (406) 883-4134
1-800-477-8992

Working Innovations provides intensive case management and supportive services to people with multiple barriers to employment and who are receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF).

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RESOURCE GUIDE

Mission Valley Workforce System

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This resource guide provides a very short description of the centers, associate offices and partners in the Mission Valley One-Stop Workforce Center System. Please check the website missionvalleyworkforcesystem.com or call the individual agencies for a more complete description of their eligibility requirements and services.

